GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:588
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2000
DEMAND AND PRODUCTION OF LPG
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand and production of LPG in the country at present ;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide subsidised LPG in each village so as to protect the forests and check the wastage of manure being used in cooking ; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (c) : A statement has been laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to parts (a), (b) and (c) in respect of Starred Question No .588 to be answered on 8th May 2000 relating to demand and production of LPG

(a) : The total production of LPG in the country during the year 1999-2000 was 4484 TMT.The total sales of LPG through Public Sector Oil Companies during the year 1999-2000 were 5856 TMT, the difference being met by imports.There are about 468.38 lakh domestic consumers of LPG and a waiting list of 63.25 lakh consumers as on 1.4.2000.

(b)&(c) : In order to preserve forests and environment, Government has decided to increase the availability of LPG in rural areas. Directions have been given to Oil Companies to release 1 crore LPG connections during the calendar year 2000 to liquidate the waiting list registered with LPG distributors as of 1.12.1999 in the country. Further, Government have already increased availability of LPG in North Eastern Region, J & K and Himachal Pradesh so that there is no waiting list for LPG connections there. State Governments/UTs have also been advised to surrender their corresponding Kerosene quota to avail additional LPG connections and under this scheme, States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have availed of LPG connections.